

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A system for treating articles, comprising:
 - at least one bath, in which a treatment liquid is situated, into which the articles are to be dipped;
 - a feed device, which is adapted to convey the articles ~~are conveyed~~ through the system and in the process are dipped into the at least one bath;
 - a dripping zone, which is disposed in direction of motion downstream of a last bath;
 - ~~a tilting apparatus within the dripping zone, wherein the articles may be tilted into an angular position relative to the horizontal that is suitable for dripping-off;~~
 - a drier disposed downstream of the dripping zone, and,the feed device comprises at least one feed carriage, which in turn comprises:
 - a running gear movable along the path of motion of the articles having its own drive for driving along the path of motion of the particles;
 - at least one swivel arm hingedly coupled to the running gear;
 - a holding device hingedly coupled to the swivel arm for at least one article; and,
 - mutually independently actuable drives for the translational movement, the swivelling motion of the at least one swivel arm and of the holding device;wherein the at least one feed carriage simultaneously serves as the tilting apparatus in the dripping zone, wherein the articles may be tilted into an angular position related to the horizontal that is suitable for dripping-off and wherein the at least one feed carriage [[and]] is movable over the dripping zone to a point in the vicinity of the drier.

2. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one feed carriage is controllable in such a way that its holding device within the dripping zone is brought into at least two positions, in which it is tilted differently relative to the horizontal.